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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2018

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down less than 1 percent from 2017 to 933,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Utah **corn** producers planted 75,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 20,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the acres harvested in 2017. This is a 6 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Barley** planted area, at 28,000 acres, is 12 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 19,000 acres are 6 percent above 2017.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 120,000 acres in the fall of 2017 for harvest in 2018, unchanged from the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain decreased 1,000 acres from last year to 107,000 acres. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 10,000 acres, are down 4,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 7,000 acres, down from 12,000 acres last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to be unchanged from a year ago at 700,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 530,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 170,000 acres. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 14,000 acres this year, down 1,500 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 13,500 acres, down from 14,500 acres harvested in 2017.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.8 million acres for grain, down 1 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, slightly higher than the 10-year average. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, while record high planted acreage is estimated in Oregon.

Producers seeded 2.55 million acres of **barley** for the 2018 crop year, up 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.05 million acres, is up 5 percent from 2017. In Montana, producers seeded 730,000 acres of barley, down 5 percent from the previous year.

**All wheat** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.8 million acres, up 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 **winter wheat** planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2018 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 20 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 55.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, up 2 percent from 2017. If realized, this will represent the highest total hay harvested area since 2014. The increase in acreage is primarily due to a 5 percent increase in **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** acreage compared to 2017; however, **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) is also up 1 percent. Producers in the Upper Midwest and Northern Plains are optimistic about harvesting more acres than last year to replenish hay stocks.

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Area planted to **safflower** increased 17 percent from 2017, to 190,000 acres in 2018. This is the highest planted area for the Nation since 2008. Area for harvest is forecast at 181,000 acres, up 26 percent from last year. Growers in California, the largest State in terms of planted area in 2017, planted 60,000 acres this year, an increase of 7 percent from last year. Compared with last year, the largest increase in planted area occurred in Montana where growers planted a record high 55,000 acres, an increase of 16,000 acres from 2017.

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